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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (9-1983)(P)

JOHN ELENBAAS;  
GOVERNOR GEORGE ROMNEY-VICTIM  
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On 12/26/67, Sergeant [ ] Casualty Division, Adjutant Generals Office, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C., advised that at 1:45 p.m. this date he accepted a collect telephone call from a man identifying himself as JOHN ELENBAAS, the father of PFC JACK ELENBAAS, who was killed in action in the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) on 6/8/67. ELENBAAS stated that he was calling from Holland, Michigan, and he furnished his telephone number as 112-392-3835. (At the time he accepted this call, [ ] was following SOP since the caller indicated through the LD operator that he desired information regarding his son who was killed in RVN.)

During the phone conversation, ELENBAAS inquired as to whether he was entitled to transportation to RVN. He explained that he was extremely bothered by people like Governor ROMNEY, now in RVN, who are using the Vietnam War,

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wherein his son was killed, to gather votes. This situation so upset him that he could not sleep, and for this reason, he wants to go to RVN to shoot ROMNEY.

When informed by [ ] that he was not entitled to transportation overseas, ELENBAAS stated that he would wait until ROMNEY got home, implying that he would kill him then.

Throughout the 15 minute conversation, ELENBAAS was very emotional, crying to such an extent that conversation was most difficult.

[ ] said that the records of his office reflect that PFC JACK ELENBAAS, US54962202, was killed by small arms fire in RVN on 6/8/67. The pertinent file contains no record of other similar calls or inquiries. This file identifies the soldier's next of kin as being JOHN ELENBAAS, 190 West 20th Street, Holland, Michigan.

[ ] further advised that the caller sounded as if he were a white male in his forties. [ ] said that he has determined that Governor ROMNEY is presently in RVN and will not return to the United States for some time.

FD 302 to follow.

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AT LANSING, MICHIGAN. Will notify appropriate law enforcement agency covering office of Governor ROMNEY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (9-2338) (C)

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 JOHN W. ELENBAAS, JR.;  
 GOVERNOR GEORGE ROMNEY - VICTIM  
 EXTORTION  
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ELENBAAS, JOHN

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, dated 12/27/67, captioned,  
 "JOHN ELENBAAS; GOVERNOR GEORGE ROMNEY - VICTIM; EXTORTION";  
 and WFO airtel to Detroit, dated 12/29/67.

The title is marked changed to reveal subject's true  
 name as furnished by Michigan State Police, East Lansing,  
 Michigan.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies  
 of an LHM concerning captioned matter.

No further action is being recommended concerning  
 this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan  
January 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Re: John W. Elenbaas, Jr.

On December 26, 1967, Sergeant [redacted] United States Army, assigned to the Casualty Division, Adjutant General's Office, Department of the Army, Tempo B., Second and R Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C., advised that at approximately 1:45 p.m. this date he accepted a long distance telephone call from a man identifying himself as John Elenbaas, the father of Jack Elenbaas, a soldier killed in Vietnam. Prior to accepting the call, [redacted] determined through the long distance operator that the caller was inquiring about his son who was killed in action.

Sergeant [redacted] said that it is standard operating procedure to accept such calls as his unit handles all aspects of war deaths and as such frequently receives inquiries from the next of kin.

During the telephone conversation, Elenbaas inquired whether he was entitled to transportation to Vietnam. He told the Sergeant that Governor George Romney was then in the war zone for the purpose of "getting votes." He said that Romney, and people like him, are using the Vietnam war for this purpose and that this situation bothers him since his son was killed there. He said that he cannot sleep because of this situation and that he will not be able to do so until he "takes a gun to them." He told the Sergeant that he wants to go to Vietnam and "shoot the son-of-a-bitch."

When Sergeant [redacted] told Elenbaas that he was not entitled to Government transportation, Elenbaas said that he would wait until Romney gets home, implying that he would kill him then.

The telephone conversation with Elenbaas was extremely difficult to follow and understand because Elenbaas sobbed throughout and repeatedly changed his train of thought.

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Re: John W. Elenbaas, Jr.

In addition to identifying himself by name, Elenbaas told [ ] that he was calling from Holland, Michigan, and he furnished his telephone number as being 112-392-3835. He told [ ] that his son was killed in action in Vietnam on June 8, 1967.

Records of the Casualty Division reflect that Private First Class (E-3) Jack Elenbaas, US 54962202 was killed by a small arms fire on June 8, 1967. His next of kin is identified as John Elenbaas, father, 190 West 20th Street, Holland, Michigan.

On January 2, 1968, Detective [ ] Special Investigation Unit, Michigan State Police Headquarters, East Lansing, Michigan, was furnished all information concerning this matter in view of their charged responsibility of protecting Governor George Romney.

On January 4, 1968, Detective [ ] advised that investigation by his department revealed Elenbaas had been confined to a mental hospital in the past and had voluntarily signed out on December 22, 1967. On December 28, 1967, Elenbaas was committed to the Pine Rest Christian Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan, for a period of 30 days and will probably be transferred to the Kalamazoo State Hospital, Kalamazoo, Michigan, at a later date.

In addition to having a history of a mental disturbance, Elenbaas is also an alcoholic. Elenbaas has made numerous telephone calls to various political figures in the State of Michigan.

Elenbaas is described as 5'10" tall, 165 pounds, dark hair, blue-green eyes, and date of birth October 24, 1912.

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